





WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1857

## VARIETIES

On Monday about noon an Irishman named Patrick Clarke was stabbed and killed on Vine street by a German named Jacob Nye. Both of these men lived at the same boarding-house, and on Monday Nye was so unruly and troublesome that he was put out of the house by some of the inmates. This exasperated him, and he went off and procured a knife, and when he returned he met Clarke at the door, and the difficulty immediately occurred. Clarke's jugular vein was severed and he died immediately. Nye was at once arrested and is now in jail awaiting examination before the police court.

He even admits, at the close of his letter, that when his informants left Nanking a plot was on foot against the life of Hung, the Celestial King; and that soon after they left the city "much loud cannonading was heard in that direction." Men who can practice such wholesale treachery and slaughter among their own people, not one would think, if they were permanently formidable foes, and in a position to suppose that their rule can be a blessing to any people. To claim for such men a knowledge of, or a belief in, Christianity, and its civilizing, humane precepts, is only to bring the Christian religion into contempt.

A company has been established in Paris to buy up the skins of rats; the hatters prefer rat skins, when properly dressed, to any other, and the hide is already used for the thumbs of gloves, being of better texture than kid.

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